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Flaming Gorge Ranger District Plans Prescribed Fire on the North Slope of the Uinta's

Manila, Utah ... The Flaming Gorge District of the Ashley National Forest plans to complete 1,500 acres of prescribed fire in the Young Springs area just East of Brownie Lake on the North Slope of the Uinta Mountains prior to January 2008 to reduce the build-up of light fuels.

The objective of this prescribed fire is to re-introduce fire into the unit and to consume 1 and 10 hour fuels, (grass, needles, and branches). This will reduce the fuel loading or tons/per acre before the next treatment.

Jeff Schramm, District Ranger for the Flaming Gorge Ranger District stated, "The re-introduction of fire in this unit will benefit wildlife and lead to a healthier forest ecosystem. Conducting these treatments at this time of year results in a "targeted" burn with little affect to the larger trees in the unit."

For more information about this project please contact Rowdy Muir, Fire Management Officer for the Flaming Gorge Ranger District at 435-781-5258.